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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING )  
IMPLANT SYSTEM )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673 )  
FILED: January 22, 2002 )  
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RESPONSE A WITH AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 4, mailed February 26, 2003, applicants request entry of this Response A With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

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A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a three-month extension of time and check no. 6706 appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee are also enclosed.

New claims have been added, including twenty-two (22) independent claims and seven (7) dependent claims for a total of twenty-nine (29) new claims. Accordingly, enclosed is a captioned paper entitled "FEE TO COVER ADDITIONAL CLAIMS ADDED BY AMENDMENT", and check no. 6708, appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee for these additional claims.

Also enclosed is a captioned paper entitled Notification of Error in Spelling of inventor's Name and Request to Change Inventor Name from James A. Ogilvie to James W. Ogilvie.